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SUBJECT: BERLIN AND DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN
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1. SINCE SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS (REFTEL A)
OF QUESTION OF PERMITTING BERLINERS TO PARTICIPATE IN
DIRECT ELECTIONS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, WE HAVE SEEN
FBIS REPORT OF RADIO INTERVIEW WITH FONMIN GENSCHER ON
THE SAME SUBJECT (COLOGNE DEUTSCHLANDFUNK DOMESTIC
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SERVICE IN GERMAN 0617 GMT 6 NOV 75). GENSCHER WAS

INTERVIEWED BY TELEPHONE, APPARENTLY DURING THE EC FONMIN CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS (REF B), AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT A COMPROMISE SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND TO PERMIT DIRECT ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN 1978, DESPITE BRITISH RETICENCE.

2. THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE WAS REPORTED ON THE QUESTION OF THE ROLE OF BERLIN:

"QUESTION: IN CONTRAST TO THE BUNDESTAG, BERLIN DEPUTIES WILL HAVE FULL VOTING RIGHTS IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. WILL THE BERLIN DEPUTIES HAVE FULL MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS IN DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT?

"ANSWER: WE WILL FIND A WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL."

3. GENSCHER WAS ALSO ASKED WHETHER THE FEDERAL ELECTION SYSTEM WOULD BE APPLIED IN THE FRG. HE RESPONDED THAT, "IT IS UP TO THE LAENDER TO DECIDE ON THE ELECTION SYSTEM AND ON WHETHER THEY WANT THE SAME SYSTEM AS IN THEIR NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. ...IN PRINCIPLE ONE MUST ASSUME THAT OUR ELECTION LAW WILL BE APPLIED, AT LEAST DURING THE FIRST ELECTION."

4. COMMENT. THE AWKWARDNESS OF THE QUESTION ON BERLIN, IN TRANSLATION AT LEAST, MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO KNOW PRECISELY WHAT ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM GENSCHER WAS ADDRESSING. THE QUESTIONER MAY HAVE BEEN ASKING WHETHER, AFTER DIRECT ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED, DEPUTIES FROM BERLIN WILL STILL HAVE VOTING RIGHTS IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AS THEY DO AT PRESENT, OR HE MAY HAVE BEEN ASKING WHETHER BERLINERS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DIRECT ELECTIONS. IN EITHER CASE, GENSCHER PROBABLY GAVE THE ONLY ANSWER WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE RAISED IMMEDIATE FURTHER QUESTIONS. HE THUS PUT THE FRG ON RECORD WITH ITS GENERAL POLITICAL OBJECTIVE. AT THE SAME TIME, AND IN CONTRAST TO HIS RATHER EXPANSIVE RESPONSES TO ALL THE OTHER QUESTIONS DURING THE INTERVIEW, HE GAVE AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE AN ANSWER TO THIS ONE AND THUS AVOIDED RAISING ANY HACKLES OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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